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MRS. MARCOS IS STILL IN NEW YORK AND WE HAVE CONFLICTING INDICATIONS RE HER PLANS. INDIVIDUALS WITH FIRST-HAND TIES TO HER ENTOURAGE UNDERSTAND THAT SHE PLANS TO STAY IN U.S. UNTIL AUGUST 19; ONE HAS HEARD THAT SHE WILL THEREAFTER FLY TO A STILL UNKNOWN DESTINATION IN AFRICA AND WILL NOT RETURN TO PHILIPPINES UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER. ON OTHER HAND, SHE WAS RUMORED TO HAVE PLANNED VISIT TO CUBA ON AUGUST 10, ANOTHER AGENCY REPORT WAS THAT MRS. MARCOS HAD PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR CUBA ON AUGUST 12 FOR DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A SUGAR CARTEL, AND HER BROTHER GOVERNOR BENJAMIN (KOKOY) ROMUALDEZ, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM THERE. CLEARLY, AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT CUBA WOULD RANK HIGH IN HER OBJECTIVES.

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